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## Of the Discovery of the NEW PLOT,

Made Manifest by several of the Conspirators  
Convened before His Majesties most Honourable Privy Council at *Hampton Court* on  
the 23. of this Instant *June 1683.*

**N**O Wonder if Sacred Princes, Vice-gerents to the King of Kings, are Heavens peculiar care, since Wicked Men so frequently are combin'd (with the powers of Darkness, in Malice to him that Instituted them by his Eternal Decree to Govern the Inferiour World) do disturb their Reign, and conspire their hurt; but in vain are all the Machinations and Devices of a Turbulent Faction, who seek to overthrow the Established Government; which is Heavens peculiar Care, though like Bulls in *Bassian*, they have pushed for some years past to overthrow Great Britains Monarchy, yet have their devices been brought to nought, as appeared by the late discovery, when *Ignoramus* Juries were brought as *Salvo's*, yet the Eyes of the Nation were too open to be deceived with Shaddows, Spectrums, or Fantoms, when apparent Truth presented her self in her Native shape, and much more now since a more then ordinary discovery hath been made by such who were in the Combination against the best of Kings, who is indeed, next Heaven, our only Refuge; and the breath of our Nostrils; a Prince so Good, so Bounteous, and so Just, that Heaven thought him only fit to Rule so great a People.

But to the Purpose, some days since Depositions having been made by one *Keeling* (who, as Heaven would have it, was altogether Restless till he had Disimboged the dire Secret) that a Hellish and Damnable Conspiracy had for a long time been Brooding and carried on by several of the Disaffected party, many of which he Named, and deposed likewise the several Circumstances, so far as his knowledge Retained, that attended the Damnable Conspiracy, no doubt laid deep to deprive true Loyalists of all they hold dear on this side Heaven; upon which Deposition, one Mr. *West* a Councillor at Law, and one who formerly was Active in the behalf of *Stephen Colledge*, had his Chamber Seiz'd by Order of the Secretary of State, and divers Papers secured by the Officers Employed to that purpose, many of which contained matters of Dangerous Consequence, tending to the Countenancing Sedition and Rebellion, &c.



Upon Notice of which, He the said Mr. *West*, Connellor at Law, for some time Absconded Himself; but being moved by the sence of his unnatural Combination against his Sovereign, He expressed a Deep, and past doubt, an unfeigned sorrow for his Offence which he discovering to his Father-In-Law, who is doubtless a Man of unbiaffed Principles, He advised him to throw himself at the Feet of that Majesty, which in so High a Nature He had Offended, but he not daring to Approach such Innate goodness, against whom He had causelessly conspired, before his Attonement was in some measure made, He by his Agents, if not in Person, applied himself to the worthy, (and of unquestionable Loyalty) Sr. *George Jefferies* chief Justice of the Countie Palatine of *Chester*, and His Majesties Serjeant at Law, &c. Humbly Beseeching him to Interceed with His Majesty, that Fountain of mercy, for his Pardon, and confiding in such his Intercession, and His Majesties never-failing compassion to those that Sincerely confess their Offences, he surrendered Himself into the hands of Justice, and this day being the 23<sup>d</sup>. of this Instant *June*, attended the Honourable Privy Council (for that and other Important considerations) Assembled at *Hampton Court*, upon Examination he laid open (according to our best Information) the Hellish Conspiracy against the Person of his most Sacred Majesty, and His Royal Highness, the Illustrious Prince *James* Duke of *York*, in Order to the overthrow of *Monarchy*, and all that can be called dear to Loyal and Peaceful Subjects, in which Divers of the Disaffected had Involved themselves, but Heaven not permitting so great a wickedness, prevented it most miraculously, as is conjectured, by his Majesties unexpected Departure from *New-Market* upon the breaking out of the late dreadful Fire in that Town, which Conflagration caused his Majesty and Royal Highness to depart, and take their way to *Cambridge*: In this design many were Involved, as by some Papers Seized appears, and upon discovery of which, divers are Fled, not cannot be yet found, divers Messengers have been Impowered to apprehend them, and of this pernicious number, Mr. *Goodenough* late under Sheriff for the City of *London*, &c. Is shrewdly suspected for one, as also a Lawyers Son of note, but till the Wisdom of the Nation (in Council Assembled) make a further Progress in this happy and timely discovery; I shall acquiesce, wishing that all such as either in thought or deed attempt the hurt of His most Sacred Majesty, may undergoe the Punishment due to the worst of Traytors.

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*Entred According to Order.*

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